

HEAR Rev. J. E. FLOW, D. D. Presbytery's Evangelist AT THE Presbyterian Church Every Night at 7-30

ABOUT THE COUNTRY

I have been trying to learn something about grass by reading in books. Wheat, oats, corn and other grain are grasses, but clover is not. There are six thousands or more kinds of grasses. It is the plant that covers the earth, but it prevails especially in the temperate and colder zones. The bamboo belongs to the grass family.

I was especially interested in looking up blue grass, but the books I got a hold of were written for the botanist and terms were scientific and they did not make contented reading for me.

For instance, I read that blue grass was of the Poaceae family in which the pedicle is not articulated below the glumes. That held me in the bend, and I sought no further for information in that book. It put the grass a little high in the rack.

The dictionary says that the botanical name for blue grass is Poa pratensis. Poa is Greek for grass and Pratenis means meadow. One of the various grasses, especially Kentucky blue grass with many running root stalks.

Just to show that I went through the library, I will write down here some notes I took as I went along like a pup in high grass.

Poaceae—A huge family of monocotyledonous plants, the grass family, containing about 375 genera and more than 3500 species.

Poa—from the Greek word for grass, a genus of grasses, the meadow grass, marked by the open panicle with 26 flowered spikelets the upper scales exceeding the empty ones. They are widely distributed in the temperate and arctic regions, and include the blue grass.

Blue grass—any of several grasses of the genus Poa having bluish green culms; especially Kentucky blue grass, a valuable pasture and meadow grass, found in both Europe and America, but reaching its finest development in the Central United States. Known in Great Britain as June grass. It is of slender habit with bright green leaves.

Panicle—Latin, a tuft on plants. In my ignorance, I always thought that blue grass was a native American and was unknown until the settlement of the Middle United States. In our region it comes a pace with the clearing away the timber on our rich mountains. There is a tradition here that blue grass was taken to Kentucky by the Virginia pioneers who settled that great blue grass country. However, it is known in England as June grass, and it is found clear to the snow line in the Alps.

The term blue grass country is in the dictionary, and while it applies especially to the lime stone region of Kentucky it can be properly be applied to any region where blue grass predominates over other grasses.

Here is another thing I have learned, and that is poor ground grows more kinds of grasses and other plants than good ground. On the stronger

soils, blue grass whips out other vegetation and gives luxuriant pastures so greatly desired by the farmers. If you will examine closely the vegetation of an old wornout field, you will be surprised at the great number of different kinds of plants and grasses which are struggling for existence and supremacy and starving each other out.

Since learning that blue grass is also known as June grass, I have wondered if James Whitcomb Riley had it in mind when he wrote that beautiful poem "Kneedeep in June." If he is talking about laziness away a holiday in a deep blue grass, I can appreciate the sentiment to the fullest.

I can well remember the old time blue grass pastures in which the cattle grazed kneedeep in June grass all season through. If the hay crop was short or a few extra head were to be carried over, the farmer would mow the pasture. I know lots of these fine blue grass pasture lands which now produce little but moonshine and cincholl—all sickled over with the pale yellow of inferior poverty grasses.

Even broom sedge is getting a hold. I can well remember how we held in derision the short grass broom sedge counties of East Virginia; and the standing joke about the runty, long horned steer of East Virginia being salted down in his horns.

Blue grass grows in the cool months of spring and early summer; marks time in the hot months, and then comes forward again in the fall. Before hot weather, the blue grass grows itself a kind of a fishy pod in which is stored strength to carry it over the dry, hot period. If it is pastured too early and too closely, the plant cannot provide itself with this war bag and it loses out in competition with poorer grasses and weeds. It looks to me like much of our pastures have been ruined by too early and heavy stocking. One of the reasons why sheep made the old time cattlemen wild was that the sheep worked on the sod in season and out, and gave the blue grass no chance to store away anything for its support in its resting period in the hot months of July and August.

Then, too, there is the matter of robbing the soil of two important chemical elements necessary for luxuriant grass life—the lime and phosphate which a hundred generations of cattle carry away in their bodies and bones when they went to market. An English farmer writes that he brought back in a year's time an old pasture filled from poverty grass to a fine sod by a light application of lime and phosphate.

The plow is naturally poison to a blue grass sod. Some of the finest pastures are a hundred or more years old and have never been broken. There are uneven places in these fields where the stumps of the original forest trees have been grubbed or rooted out.

Our fathers were wise in their day and generation when they refused to break their grass lands; fed late in

B. M. YEAGER

Hon. B. M. Yeager died on Friday morning, January 18, 1924, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Gatewood, Pulaski, Virginia. His age was 76 years. He had been in failing health for many months. On Monday, his body was buried in Mt. View Cemetery, the services being conducted from the Marlinton Methodist Church by Rev. Palmer Eubank and Rev. H. H. Orr.

B. M. Yeager was the third son of the late John Yeager and Mrs. Margaret Arbogast Yeager. In 1871 he married Miss Harriet Arbogast. Mrs. Yeager died in 1917. Their children are: Mrs. W. B. Sharp, of Washington; Mrs. A. H. Gatewood, of Pulaski, Virginia; Mrs. Walker Carroll, of Cumberland; J. Walker Yeager, Dr. John M. Yeager, Sterling Yeager, Bruce Yeager, of Marlinton; Paul Yeager, of Moley, Virginia; A. son, Lewis A. Yeager, and a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Gatewood, preceded him to the grave.

In early manhood Mr. Yeager made a profession of religion and joined the Methodist Church.

Of his father's family there now remain a brother, P. M. Yeager of Barlow and Mrs. Eviline Beard, of Greenbank.

Mr. Yeager was one of the most prominent men and widely known of Pocahontas county. He had a wide acquaintance and he played an important part in the development of the county, especially in the way of interesting and bringing in outside capital for the development of the natural resources of the Greenbrier valley. He was a kindly man, who made friends easily and kept them.

By profession Mr. Yeager was a land surveyor. In early life he taught school. He was one whom the people of his county delighted to honor with public office. Twice he represented his county in the House of Delegates, beside serving for years as commissioner of school lands and in other offices.

As this paper goes to press, the word comes of the death of Enoch H. Moore, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Hill, in Charleston, on Wednesday morning, January 30, 1924. He was past 70 years of age.

For many months he has been in failing health. His body will be brought to Hillsboro and buried on Friday afternoon from the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, of which for many years he was a ruling elder. Mr. Moore was a native of Pocahontas County, a son of the late Rev. James E. Moore, and for many years a prominent citizen. A few years ago he moved to the State of Florida.

Charles Craig Cross, of Oriskany, Virginia, and Miss Ada May Doyle, daughter of Harvey Doyle, of Mace, were married at the Presbyterian Manse, Marlinton, Tuesday afternoon, January 29, 1924, by Rev. H. H. Orr. The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for Eastbank, W. Va. for a visit to the bride's brother. On their return they will reside at Mace.

The spring and resisted the temptation to overstock their grass. As a rule, the people of a blue grass country live better and longer, are more prosperous and know not the slavery of the grain farmer. The late Dr. Legon often told me that he knew of no people who lived so well and worked so few days in the year as the people of the Greenbrier grass lands.

I have often heard stockmen speak of the "strong" grass of certain pastures, where cattle would fatten out right. Other fields that looked as good would not keep stock any thing like as well. There is also a difference in the feeding value of hay.

It is an old story about the fat cattle of this valley going on the boat for exportation as corn-fed cattle to England. Since I know they have blue grass pastures, it means more to me when I read about the roast beef of England.

Dean Swift, who wrote "Gullivers Travels," is the man who said it was his opinion that the man who caused two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before did more good to his fellow man than all the politicians who ever lived.

FOREST PROTECTION

The State Game and Fish commission and their agents have been at work in Pocahontas county in an endeavor to reduce damage to the forest of our county by fires, saving our forest and preserving them as an asset in taxable property and preventing their becoming an incubance.

During the year 1923, a steel tower was placed on Bald Knob near Spruce, and the State expects to erect this before the beginning of the spring fire season.

The State has a tower on Gay Knob with Warwick Ratliff as observer, and in connection with this tower, they have a patrolman in the Minnehaha Springs area who looks after the situation in that area. In the Blue Knob area on the divide between the waters of Gaudley and Greenbrier they have in employment Mr. Joseph Sharp, who acts as a watchman and patrolman too, and on Briery Knob an observation tower is maintained, which has telephone connections with all sections of county. In fact all these towers and patrolmen have telephone and can have connection with Bell telephone exchange, and by means of a good force of dependable men obtain a ready control of fires in this county.

During fall season of 1923 our county has had ten fires with a total of 390 1-2 acres burned, all of which were extinguished without cost to the county. Thirty six men having given their time free there by saving the county a suppression of \$110.52.

Pocahontas has had losses on the following properties during fall season. On October 12th a 45 acre fire occurred on the lands of Ernie Wright, estimate of damage \$45.00. On October 17th a 300 acre fire on the lands of the Brown Lumber Company and the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, damage \$300.00 as reported. This is a total of fires reported except for small fires extinguished under one acre in size.

Cause of fires in county were as follows: 1 incendiary; 1 brush burning; 2 smokers; and 6 Ball Road Engine fires.

The State has other organizations and constructive work planned for this county during the summer.

During 1923, about \$11,000,000 of Treasury savings certificates were sold in the Fifth Federal Reserve District, nearly \$500,000 more than in 1922, according to Howard T. Gree, director of Treasury Savings Organizations, in a statement to Postmaster J. E. Buckley.

These certificates, issued in denominations of \$25, \$100, and \$1,000, with a limit of holding for any one person of \$5,000 purchased within any one calendar year, appeal strongly to the small investor with whom safety is a primary concern.

The popularity of the certificates is indicated by the reports of sales through the post offices of the district as follows: West Virginia \$3,092,800; North Carolina \$2,580,525; Virginia \$1,906,625; South Carolina \$626,375; District of Columbia \$609,175; Maryland \$497,900. In addition there was sold through the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond \$1,619,300 and through the Treasury at Washington \$355,775, making a grand total of \$10,978,475.

Of this amount, \$80,175 is credited to the Marlinton post office as sales for the year. Postmaster Buckley having exceeded the quota assigned at the beginning of the year, has been advised by the district director that his name has been placed on the "Honor Roll" of postmasters, as a mark of distinction and credit for the faithful and efficient work of the Marlinton office in the sale of these government securities, and forwarded to the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C.

A letter from Rev. L. V. Ruckman, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, of Roanoke, brings the good news that he is convalescing after his recent very serious illness. However, he will not be able to do any work until after the meeting of Conference in April. He and Mrs. Ruckman expect to leave on Wednesday of this week for Manatee, Florida, for a few weeks' stay.

Sunday School attendance at the Methodist Church 215, at the Presbyterian Church 168.

SEEBERT

Guy McComb and family, of Prince are visiting Mrs. McComb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pyles.

W. D. Clark and family were guests of his brother, G. L. Clark, at Hillsboro, last Sunday.

Mrs. Hannah Sizemore, of Bristol, Ky., was called here by the illness of her mother, Mrs. S. S. Workman, who suffered from hemorrhage of the nose.

Leonard Aldridge and family of Spice, spent a few days with home folks last week.

Miss Margie Pyles, of Spice, spent the week end here with relatives.

Miss May Waugh, of Hillsboro, is visiting Miss Lula Waugh.

Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. Nellie Sheets and Mrs. George Clendenin of Hillsboro, were visiting Mrs. M. O. Pyles last week.

Miss Anna Wallace, Supt., visited our school last Tuesday.

Miss Sallie Brice of Cass, is visiting Mrs. Jean Kinnison near Hillsboro.

S. H. Holliday of Caldwell, spent Sunday with his son, W. I. Holliday.

C. C. Clendenen and family of Marlinton, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. M. A. Pyles.

Rev. R. O. Hipes preached an excellent sermon here Sunday evening from Romans 7th chapter and 21st verse, to a large audience.

Mrs. Rebecca Edwards, formerly of this place, died suddenly in Ohio January 19, 1924, of heart trouble. Her remains were brought here for burial last Tuesday. Her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Clarkston, of Ceredo, and grandson Mr. Wiseman, of Spice Run, accompanied the body. Funeral services were conducted in the Union church by Rev. B. O. Hipes. Burial at the Steele Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary A. Rider, of Benick Valley, died on Monday night January 21, 1924, after a few days illness from a deep cold which later developed into pneumonia. But those who attended her did not consider her case of a serious nature until about two hours before her death, when she seemed to become worse and soon passed away. She leaves a son Hugh and a daughter Meredith, with a wide circle of friends and relatives to mourn her going. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago, leaving her the care of their small children that she so well cared for and managed her home affairs so as to be getting along nicely, and left them well provided for. Mrs. Rider was born May 14, 1871, and was therefore in her fifty-third year. For many years she had been a member of the Methodist church. Her funeral was conducted from her home church by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Pope, on Wednesday afternoon, and her body was laid to rest by her husband in the nearby graveyard. May God's comforting grace comfort and keep her children many friends.

Those attending the funeral of Hon. Brown M. Yeager from out of town, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gatewood and Charles Gatewood, Pulaski, Va.; Mrs. W. B. Sharp and daughter, Miss Evelyn, Washington, D. C.; Paul Yeager, Moley, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carroll, Cumberland, Md.; Mrs. Myrtle Bratton, Staunton, Va.; Paris D. Yeager, Clifton Forge, Va.; P. M. Yeager, Barlow; Mrs. J. D. Wilmoth and Mrs. Adam Arbogast, Durbin.

Dr. J. E. Flow, evangelist for Greenbrier Presbytery, began a series of special services at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday. These services will be held every night at 7-30 and will continue at least two weeks. The Doctor is a strong preacher, and his ministry as an evangelist has been attended by most wonderful results. He is now engaged in building a home at Lewisburg. During Dr. Flow's stay in Marlinton, Mrs. Flow will visit friends in Florida.

Mrs. Lizzie Wheeler, colored, died in Marlinton Sunday night. She was the wife of Edward Wheeler and before her marriage was Lizzie King and was raised from childhood in the home of Lee P. McLaughlin. She was buried at Brownsburg cemetery.

News is received from Mrs. T. S. McNeel, who is in the University hospital, Charlottesville, that an operation is not necessary, but will be necessary for her to remain for three or four weeks for treatment.

Miss Mary Campbell was seriously if not fatally injured in an automobile wreck in Richmond last Sunday. She suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. She is a daughter of Luther Campbell, of Dunmore.

C. A. Bishop has rented a room on Lower Camden for a marble store, and is now taking orders for spring delivery. He comes here from Buchanan, W. Va. He is a practical mechanic and for years was foreman R. E. Noel, of Hinton. A great deal of his work is in the cemeteries of the county. Mr. Bishop expects to have his stock in by March 1.

Charlie Blake of Millpoint and Miss Henrietta Fisher, of Buckeye, were married at the Presbyterian Manse, Marlinton, on Thursday morning, January 24, 1924. They will reside near Millpoint.

W. T. Ball, Referee in Bankruptcy, of Hinton, was here Monday holding the first meeting of the creditors in the case of D. C. Rose of Lobelia. T. S. McNeel was appointed trustee.

Specials

There will be a special price on different articles at our STORE during the entire year 1924. These prices will be given to our regular customers

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Cass Theatre
Tuesday, Feb. 5th



JOSEPH BEARD

Joseph Beard died at his home near Greenbank Monday morning, January 21, 1924, after a long illness. His age was 77 years.

Mr. Beard was native of Greenbrier, but his long and useful life was spent in Pocahontas county. His wife was Miss Evaline Yeager, a daughter of the late John Yeager. She and a large family of children survive. Among the children are Sheriff Brown Beard, Irb, Leslie and Monroe Beard; Mrs. W. B. Snedgar and Mrs. Wilma Harper, of Elkins; Mrs. Walter Arbogast, of Morgantown. Two daughters, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Kerr, preceded him to the grave.

The county had no better citizen than Mr. Beard. A man who well performed his part in life. As a boy he served in the Confederate army.

Harry L. Gard, a popular and well known traveling oil agent, died suddenly of acute indigestion January 18, 1924, at his home in Huntington, W. Va. Interment in Goose Creek Cemetery, Lincoln, Loudon County, Virginia. Wife and two small children survive him. His wife was Miss Pauline Shoemaker, daughter of the late Elwood Shoemaker, of Marlinton.

John Maupin has a very sore eye. He mistook a bottle of carbolic acid for eye medicine, and put a few drops on his eye lid. Fortunately none of the acid touched the eye ball.

Miles Stone, an aged inmate of the County Infirmary, died Sunday morning, January 27, 1924.

DIED

Oleta Susan little daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Odle Johnson, of Riverside, was born October 4th, 1922, and died January 23rd, 1924, aged fifteen months and eighteen days.

About three weeks before her death she was taken ill with flu and never recovered.

Services were conducted from the home by Rev. Hill and the dear little one was laid to rest in the Ed-ray grave yard.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Edgar, of Hillsboro, a daughter, Monday.

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Monuments

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C. A. BISHOP
MARLINTON, W. VA.

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